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Description: ff. 193 - 16th-17th centuries. Limp, flush boards are made up of fibrous, felted material (paper?) sandwiched between two layers of vellum, which extend across the spine. This case is glued and tacketed to the bookblock with three tackets consisting of at least six threads each. Stitches go through the spine linings around three threads at head and tail. Covered with tawed skin, originally pink, the turn-ins glued over the pastedowns. The cover extends in fore-edge and envelope flaps. Some rodent damage on the upper board and part of the envelope cut away. Discoloration and traces of adhesive on three outer edges of envelope flap. - Belonged to David Wagstaff; gift of Mrs. David Wagstaff in 1943. - Shailor, B. Catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, MS 163.

Notes: -Manuscript on parchment, composed of 2 parts, both of uneven quality. Part I of the codex written in the 15th century. The final quire, written probably in the 14th century, was bound in with the first 186 ff. in the 16th or 17th century. Contains excerpts of historical tracts, medical recipes, charms, prayers, notes on parliament, philosophy, and dream interpretation, proverbs, poems, notes on horses and hunting, and excerpts from astronomical and religious tracts.

Number of Parts: 1 - **Number of Images Available:** 0

Direct Link: http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/BeineckeMS163_47

Language: English; Latin **Country:** England **Century:** 14th

View a detailed description: <http://brbl-net.library.yale.edu/pre1600ms/docs/pre1600.ms163.htm>

View in the Beinecke's Digital Library: <http://brbl-dl.library.yale.edu/vufind/Record/3432728>

Part 1:

Description: - parchment - 291 x 200 (217 x 135) mm.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region: England

City:

Assigned Date: [ca. 1450; between 1300 and 1400]

Searchable Date Range: 1300 - 1450

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Part I (ff. 1-186): Written in Anglicana, by 2 main scribes, with abundant notes and texts added in margins and blank spaces by other hands. On ff. 179r-181r the scribe begins in Anglicana formata but lapses into a more cursive grade. Initials (3- and 2-line), underlining, rubrics and slashes at ends of sentences in red. From ff. 103r-140v, 3- and 2-line initials in blue with red penwork and long flourishes; on ff. 30r-31v (on the exchequer), checkerboards in blue, red and black in upper and lower margins. Water stains on ff. 1-2, only affecting a few words of the text. Part II (ff. 187-193): Written by one scribe in an uneven 14th-century Anglicana. Three-line initial on f. 187r not filled in. Outer column of f. 187 cut off.

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Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Title: Wagstaff miscellany.

Subjects: Charms.; English literature--Middle English, 1100-1500.; Hunting--Early works to 1800.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Medicine--Early works to 1800.; Medicine, Medieval.;

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